



# Broiler Hatchery

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## **Broiler-Type Eggs Set Up 1 Percent**

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 197 million eggs in incubators during the week ending July 28, 2012. This was up 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 85 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

## **Broiler-Type Chicks Placed Down 1 Percent**

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 161 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 28, 2012. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2012 through July 28, 2012 were 4.93 billion, down 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

## Broiler-Type Eggs Set – 19 Selected States: 2012

State	Week ending					
	June 23, 2012	June 30, 2012	July 7, 2012	July 14, 2012	July 21, 2012	July 28, 2012
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	28,068	27,719	27,313	27,946	27,813	28,149
Arkansas .....	20,870	20,976	20,278	19,742	19,931	20,915
Delaware .....	3,557	3,570	3,371	3,295	3,503	3,501
Florida .....	1,353	1,352	1,353	1,352	1,341	1,352
Georgia .....	32,018	31,470	32,496	32,284	31,795	31,573
Kentucky .....	6,917	7,303	7,516	7,754	7,827	7,795
Louisiana .....	3,303	3,440	3,258	3,409	3,107	3,167
Maryland .....	7,456	7,401	7,045	7,351	7,220	7,600
Mississippi .....	17,938	17,823	17,655	18,063	17,691	17,838
Missouri .....	7,196	7,774	7,388	8,068	8,024	7,835
North Carolina .....	19,662	19,537	19,825	19,816	19,628	19,638
Oklahoma .....	6,473	6,550	6,798	6,465	6,696	6,714
Pennsylvania .....	3,651	3,600	3,616	3,662	3,535	3,622
South Carolina .....	5,299	5,559	5,306	5,298	5,319	5,603
Texas .....	14,546	14,253	14,139	14,612	14,500	14,255
Virginia .....	6,219	6,340	5,854	5,919	6,217	6,182
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	10,974	11,253	10,693	10,770	10,720	10,870
19 State total .....	195,500	195,920	193,904	195,806	194,867	196,609
Previous year total .....	198,340	197,158	194,961	196,576	195,141	194,434
Percent of previous year .....	99	99	99	100	100	101

## Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – 19 Selected States: 2012

State	Week ending					
	June 23, 2012	June 30, 2012	July 7, 2012	July 14, 2012	July 21, 2012	July 28, 2012
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	20,419	20,806	19,941	20,301	20,525	19,417
Arkansas .....	19,950	19,778	20,381	19,209	20,502	19,313
Delaware .....	5,003	3,787	4,720	4,989	4,250	3,153
Florida .....	1,058	1,079	1,234	1,168	1,179	1,211
Georgia .....	28,029	27,213	26,599	26,917	26,641	28,246
Kentucky .....	6,269	6,536	5,929	5,673	6,322	5,813
Louisiana .....	3,327	3,066	2,913	2,961	3,098	2,935
Maryland .....	6,164	6,947	5,716	5,582	7,131	6,093
Mississippi .....	15,432	15,520	14,915	15,485	15,216	14,933
Missouri .....	5,727	5,952	5,111	5,064	4,708	5,159
North Carolina .....	16,322	15,485	15,844	15,714	16,227	15,898
Oklahoma .....	4,749	4,776	4,248	4,343	4,335	4,151
Pennsylvania .....	3,092	3,014	3,020	3,003	2,962	2,998
South Carolina .....	4,803	5,077	4,831	4,524	4,142	4,273
Texas .....	12,155	12,312	12,129	12,158	11,931	11,906
Virginia .....	4,526	4,900	4,294	4,712	4,312	5,383
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	10,733	9,519	11,849	11,189	10,675	10,259
19 State total .....	167,758	165,767	163,674	162,992	164,156	161,141
Previous year total .....	168,554	168,718	165,957	164,445	162,828	162,898
Percent of previous year .....	100	98	99	99	101	99

## Statistical Methodology

**Survey Procedures:** Data for broiler hatchery estimates are collected weekly from all chicken hatcheries within the 19 States that hatch at least one million chicks a year. The 19 States account for approximately 97 percent of the broilers produced on an annual basis. Individual NASS field offices maintain a list of all known hatcheries and update their lists on a continual basis. All hatcheries within the 19 States that meet the minimum size criteria are given adequate time to respond to the weekly survey. Those that do not respond are contacted by telephone.

**Estimating Procedures:** All data are analyzed for unusual values. Data from each operation are compared to their own past operating profile and to trends from similar operations. Data for missing operations are estimated based on similar operations or historical data. NASS field offices prepare these estimates by using a combination of survey indications and historic trends. Individual State estimates are reviewed by the Agricultural Statistics Board for reasonableness. Individual hatchery data are summed to State and 19 State totals.

**Revision Policy:** Revisions are generally the result of late or corrected data. Revisions made to the previous five-week's data during the current week are published in this report. Final estimates are published in the annual *Hatchery Production Summary* released in April.

**Reliability:** Estimates are subject to errors such as omission, duplication, and mistakes in reporting, recording, and processing the data. While these errors cannot be measured directly, they are minimized through strict quality controls in the data collection process and a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

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